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SUBJECT: DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE: MISSION COMMENTS
ON REVISED DRAFT

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(DTG 100001Z MAY 78) (D) USNATO 4731 (DTG 112047Z
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SUMMARY:

. WE BELIEVE THE REVISED TEXT OF THE DRAFT DPC
MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE (REF A) IS A MARKED IMPROVEMENT
OVER THE PREVIOUS DRAFT (REF B) AND PROPOSE TO DIRECT
OUR INTERVENTIONS AT THE MAY 16 DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE
(DRC) ADDRESSAL OF THIS TEXT TOWARDS A) OPPOSING IN-
CLUSION OF AN ANNEX ON THE LTDP, B) REITERATING US POSITION
ON ADDING SENTENCES ON FOLLOW-THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS (PARA 2D,
REF C) AND C) SUGGESTING SOME STRENGTHENING OF THE
LANGUAGE ON AWACS. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE
BY OOB, MAY 16. END SUMMARY.

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2. ANNEX ON LTDP. IN VIEW OF THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF
SEVERAL ALLIES TO THE PROPOSED ANNEX (REF D) AND OUR
DISCUSSIONS (PER REF E) WITH DSYG PETRIGNANI AND ASYG
MUMFORD CONCERNING A SEPARATE SUMMIT RELEASE ON THE LTDP
(SEE COMMENT BELOW), WE EXPECT TO PICK UP FURTHER SUPPORT
IN THE DRC FOR DROPPING THE ANNEX. IF WE SUCCEED IN OB-

TAINING ALLIED AGREEMENT TO DELETE THE ANNEX, HOWEVER, WE EXPECT THAT SOME MAY WANT TO INCLUDE IN THE BODY OF THE COMMUNIQUE A SUMMARY OF THE ANNEX ALONG THE LINES OF THE CANADIAN SUGGESTION(PRESENTLY BRACKETTED IN PARA 9). WASHINGTON WILL RECALL THAT THE CANADIAN TEXT ATTRACTED SUPPORT AT THE MAY 10 MEETING (REF D). WE BELIEVE THE CANADIAN TEXT IS ACCEPTABLE, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PROPOSE TO ADD A PHRASE REFERRING TO IMPROVEMENT TO EUROPEAN RESERVES AS A COMPLEMENT TO REINFORCEMENT MEASURES, AND WOULD SUGGEST DELETING THE DUPLICATIVE LISTING OF THE NINE PROGRAM AREAS IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 9. COMMENT. DCM RAISED WITH PETRIGNANI ON MAY 11 WASHINGTON PROPOSAL FOR A SEPARATE UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF THE LTDP TO BE RELEASED AT THE SUMMIT (REF E) AND DRC REP FOLLOWED-UP ON THE MATTER WITH MUMFORD. BOTH PETRIGNANI AND MUMFORD EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THE US VIEW AND PETRIGNANI STATED THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO RECEIVING A PROPOSED TEXT FROM THE U.S. END COMMENT.

3. FOLLOW-THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS (PARA 10). THOUGH WE PROBABLY WILL REMAIN ISOLATED ON OUR PROPOSED ADDITIONAL TEXT WITH ALLIES ARGUING THAT A) DISCUSSION OF "ARCANE" PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES HAVE NO PLACE IN A COMMUNIQUE AND B) THE SUBJECT REMAINS HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL, WE PLAN TO STRESS AGAIN THAT WE WILL WANT LANGUAGE IN THE COMMUNIQUE REFLECTING MINISTER'S CONFIDENTIAL

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DECISIONS ON FOLLOW-THROUGH ACTIONS. WE BELIEVE THE US FOOTNOTE IN PARA 10 LAYS DOWN A MARKER TO WHICH WE CAN RETURN IN LIGHT OF MINISTERIAL DECISIONS. WE WOULD NOT PLAN TO PRESS FOR BRACKETTED LANGUAGE AT THIS STAGE BUT NOTE THAT WE PLAN TO RETURN TO THIS ISSUE AFTER MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE LTDP REPORT.

4. NATO AEW (PARA 15). WE WOULD PROPOSE REWORDING THE LAST CLAUSE OF THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE TO READ "AND AGREED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO CONTINUE THESE ACTIVITIES IN ANTICIPATION OF COMPLETION OF NATIONAL REVIEW PROCESSES". THOUGH WE WOULD LIKE THE TEXT TO BE STRONGER, WE EXPECT THAT ALLIES WILL WISH TO LEAVE THE TEXT AS DRAFTED AND IN BRACKETS UNTIL THE MINISTERIAL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS, MAY 16. BENNETT

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